Municipal Corporations in the States of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Gujarat and Delhi. Total amount of Rs. 3.99 crores was released to the States towards cost of machinery and building @Rs. 50 lakhs for each plant.

This Scheme has since been transferred to macro Management mode and the States can now take up this activity during 10th Plan through the Scheme of Work Plans of the State Governments.

(c) Does not arise.

**West Bengal for payment of arrear of service charges**

616. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Urban Development Ministry of West Bengal regarding payment of arrear of service charges from various Central Government organisations to the local bodies;

(b) the approximate total outstanding amount; and

(c) the action being taken to clear the dues to the local bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) A reference was received from Government of West Bengal in 1994 in which the details of payment of arrear of service charges from various Central Government organizations to the local bodies was mentioned. The total dues was amounting to Rs. 2299.49 lakhs. As the issue raised by the Government of West Bengal pertains to various Central Ministries, a copy of the statement of outstanding dues was circulated to them for clearing the outstanding dues. The Government of West Bengal was also advised to directly interact with the individual Department with full details for speedy disposal/settlement of pending dues of service charges.